GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2262
ANSWERED ON:21.07.2009
VALIDITY OF ARMS LICENCES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any guideline to the State Governments regarding all India validity of arms licences;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to amend the Arms Act;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any complaint has been received regarding forging of the guidelines for grant of all India validity of arms licences; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): As per guidelines issued in October, 1995 by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), requests for extending the area validity of Non-Prohibited Bore arms licences are considered by the State Government concerned, on merits, based on the recommendations of the DM concerned,keeping in view the genuineness of the need, law and order situation obtaining in the district/State and other local factors.In respect of Prohibited Bore arms licences,requests for extending the area validity of arms licences to all India are considered by MHA on merits, in consultation with the State Government and the security agencies concerned.

(c) & (d): Arms policy is under review and necessary amendments would be made, wherever necessary.

(e) & (f): A complaint alleging forging the guidelines on area validity of arms licences by the Govt. of NCT of Delhi was received from Shri Ashok Argal, Hon'ble MP. The matter was examined. As already indicated in reply to part (b) of this question, powers have been delegated to the State Governments to consider requests for extension of area validity of arms licences.They have been advised to consider such requests judiciously, on merits, depending on the genuineness of the need, local factors and law and order situation prevailing in the State. Thus, the State Governments are fully competent to decide such cases, and it was thus observed that no forgery was done by the Government of NCT of Delhi in the matter. Accordingly, a reply was sent to the Hon'ble MP on 13.04.2009.